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Southern Nevada Wolf Trap Early Learning Through the Arts, a program of The Smith Center Education and Outreach Department, is an affiliate of the Wolf Trap Institute for Early Learning Through the Arts. The Wolf Trap Institute is an internationally respected program that provides innovative arts-based teaching strategies and services to early childhood educators, through the disciplines of drama, music, and movement. Southern Nevada Wolf Trap places professional teaching artists in classroom residencies to partner with early childhood educators of children ages three to five years old.

The mission is to enhance young children's learning by training early childhood educators to use performing arts strategies to teach basic academic and life skills.

A Southern Nevada Wolf Trap artist residency is a partnership between a teaching artist and a preschool educator. Twice a week for seven weeks, the artist and educator work together to provide children with developmentally appropriate arts experiences that are linked to early childhood learning guidelines and the curriculum. Together they create experiences that foster important skills and concepts critical to literacy and long-term success in school.

Research has shown that the collaborative use of the performing arts techniques and strategies can enhance young children's developmental skills and improves outcomes in key areas including:

- Emergent literacy and language development
- Comprehension and verbal skills
- Problem solving and critical thinking skills
- Self-awareness and self-confidence
- Social and emotional development
- Creativity
- Motivation and enthusiasm for learning

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